

**Lincoln, Nebraska
January 11, 2006**

**JUSTICE SUBSTANCE ABUSE TEAM
*MEETING MINUTES***

The Justice Substance Abuse Team (JSAT) of the Community Corrections Council met Wednesday, January 11, 2006, at the Bryan LGH Conference Room, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Present:

Scot Adams
John Atherton
Jerome Barry
Shannon Black
Ellen Brokofsky
Roxie Cillessen
Catherine Cook
John Dacey
Aileen Gruendel
Julie Hippen
Linda Krutz
Jim McKenzie
Mike Overton
Hank Robinson
Julie Rogers
Wendell Roscoe
Kathy Seacrest
Dan Sturgis
Dave Wegner
Linda Wittmuss

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Kathy Seacrest, Chair, called the meeting to order. Attendance is indicated above. Each person present introduced him or herself and gave a brief statement about his or her

involvement. Seacrest emphasized that there have been significant changes since the last time JSAT met in June.

Ellen Brokofsky, Probation Administrator, announced two new employees within Probation Administration:

Deb Minardi – Community Corrections Coordinator
Christine Salvatore – Justice Treatment Systems Specialist

Because of specialized training that both were involved with, Minardi and Salvatore were not able to be present at the meeting but will be involved in future JSAT meetings in their new roles.

As approval of the June 2005 JSAT meeting minutes was not an agenda item at this meeting, they will be officially approved at the next meeting.

SUPREME COURT RULE – STANDARDIZED MODEL

Ellen Brokofsky handed out the Office of Probation Administration's "Overview of Standardized Model for Substance Abuse Services" and the Nebraska Supreme Court Rule Regarding Use of Standardized Model for Delivery of Substance Abuse Services. It was clarified that the rule includes a "mandate" as it relates to felony drug offenses and a "recommendation" for all offenders.

It was discussed that the current Standardized Model is a template from which to begin to add treatment standards and mental health standards in serving offenders. The issue of training providers and probation and parole officers was raised. It was noted that in designing the website for data input surrounding the standardized model, the JSAT data committee's concerns are being and will continue to be taken into consideration.

OFFENDER VOUCHER TREATMENT PROGRAM

Linda Krutz gave legislative overview of the funding structure of the Offender Voucher Treatment Program.

Ellen Brokofsky gave details about the voucher program progress including an explanation of reimbursements, rates, payer of choice, financial eligibility, paying for all felony drug offense substance abuse evaluations, and other program details.

Through the initial stages of the voucher program, specific needs will need to be defined and determined and the strategy expanded. Included in this strategy will be staffing to manage the voucher program and standardized model and ensuring that the new programs under the Community Corrections Council and LB 1083 (behavioral health reform) do not overlap.

METHAMPHETAMINE TREATMENT STUDY

Dr. Hank Robinson presented a PowerPoint of the Initial Report of the Methamphetamine Treatment Study including the Implementation Plan and the Executive Summary.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Data – Ellen Brokofsky

Ellen Brokofsky, current chair of the data sub-committee, reported that the purpose of the sub-committee and the next steps of the committee were being worked on. It was noted that the sub-committee should not only be discussing the best ways to collect justice data as it relates to treatment but also provider data. The charge and scope of the sub-committee needs further definition. Since Brokofsky was recently named Probation Administrator, she will no longer be able to serve as chair of the data sub-committee.

A motion was made by Mike Overton and seconded by Jim McKenzie that Dave Wegner, Probation Administration, be nominated as chair of the data sub-committee. The motion passed. Wegner solicited any helpful input for the collection of data.

2. Curriculum

A new chair is needed for the curriculum sub-committee because the former chair, Janet Bancroft, will not be part of JSAT any longer.

A motion was made by Ellen Brokofsky and seconded by Scot Adams that Dan Sturgis, Norfolk Regional Center, be nominated as chair of the curriculum committee. The motion passed. Sturgis will contact Bancroft in order to communicate work product completed to date.

3. Strategic Planning – Hank Robinson

Hank Robinson, chair of the strategic planning sub-committee, reported that the sub-committee has not met since the last meeting but will meet prior to the next JSAT meeting.

4. Provider Group – Jerome Barry, John Dacey

Jerome Barry, John Dacey, and John Atherton gave a handout and brief summary of the provider group sub-committee's meetings. The sub-committee's scope is to

develop a treatment process in dealing with the criminal justice client; to identify the elements that must be present in treating a justice client.

In terms of membership, it was suggested that Dr. Rick McNeese from the Department of Correctional Services and Dr. Thomas from CenterPointe be involved in this sub-committee. Catherine Cook also joined the sub-committee.

The next steps of this sub-committee will be to look into the fiscal estimates and feasibility of a statewide facilitated meeting of providers to identify best provider practices in serving Nebraska justice clients.

With regard to all sub-committees and JSAT's scope in general, it was suggested that a charge statement be drafted for approval by JSAT and then approval by the Community Corrections Council. Each committee should identify its charge and be ready to report at the next meeting.

NEWSLETTER STATUS & DISCUSSION

The draft of the newsletter needs to be tweaked and sent out as soon as possible. A mailing list or e-mail list is being generated.

CLARIFICATION & CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP

Linda Krutz, Executive Director of the Community Corrections Council, explained that this group never defined a system for adding new members and it seems like we need to have a process to do so. Kathy Seacrest will meet with the new chair to come up with the positions of membership in order to present that to the Council.

PASSING OF THE TORCH – NEW CHAIR NOMINATED AND DESIGNATED

A motion was made by Ellen Brokofsky and seconded by Scot Adams to nominate Steve Rowoldt and Jerome Barry as co-chairs of JSAT. The motion passed.

Kathy Seacrest will work with Barry and Rowoldt to come up with criteria and clarification of how membership should be determined.

Seacrest was thanked for all of her years of hard and dedicated work as chair of this group.

OTHER BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bryan LGH Conference Room in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The other meeting dates for 2006 were identified as June 28, September 20, and December 6.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie L. Rogers